

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting December 14, 2015**

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Attending: Commissioners – Richard Franas, Al Huefner, Paul Fiske, and Beau Saad
Engineering Consultant – Rick Canavan, CME
Town – Scott D. Charpentier, P.E. Town Engineer

Absent: Commissioners – Jeff Dowgiewicz, Joseph Kunkle, and Joseph Kabala

Meeting called to order: 5:32 p.m.

Location: Basement Conference Room

Meeting Minutes for Approval

Mr. Fiske motioned to approve minutes from November 16, 2015; Mr. Huefner second; vote all in favor.

Public Hearing – 35 Konkel Road (North and South) - NOI

Mr. Franas opened the public hearings at 5:34 PM. Applicant and Representative presented the project scope and status including response to comments received from CME and the revised plan dated 12/14/2015. Representative stated they are still awaiting response from NHESP. Mr. Charpentier stated that drainage from the rear downspouts may be problematic to reach the recharge chamber at the design depth of 18 inches. Mr. Franas requested pre and post impervious area calculations. Mr. Huefner asked for the north structure slab elevation. Mr. Charpentier requested that revised drawings be provided with a legend and better call-outs and labelling. Member of the Public outlined localized drainage problems. Applicant responded that his development work in the area improved what was previously there. Mr. Franas requested hardwood trees be provided in the front yard of each home; Applicant agreed. Member of the Public asked the disposition of the path to the pond. Applicant responded that the path is on a private way and Mr. Charpentier concurred. Applicant submitted written request to continue public hearing to January 11, 2016. Mr. Huefner motioned at 6:05 PM to continue hearing to June 11, 2016. Mr. Fiske second, vote all in favor.

Public Hearing – 20 Indian Point Road – NOI

Mr. Franas opened the public hearing at 6:05 PM. Applicant and Representative presented the project area, scope, approach, and CME comment responses. Mr. Canavan concurred that comments were addresses and asked for clarification on the means and methods of rip rap slope repair. Representative stated the existing rip rap will be pulled back, soil behind removed, and rip rap reset and supplemented all during low water condition. Applicant stated that if driven sheet piles reach refusal above design depth they would be removed and a rip rap slope would be installed instead. Mr. Charpentier suggested the Conservation Commission be notified if this condition is encountered. Member of the Public clarified that the area of existing horizontal metal wall will be replaced with either sheet pile wall or rip rap slope. Mr. Franas requested that if tree removal is required that the trees be replaced with hardwood trees; Applicant agreed. Mr. Fiske motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Saad second, vote all in favor. Mr. Charpentier outlined draft Order of Conditions including the standard special conditions including two project specific conditions; that the work occur during low water conditions and that notification be provided if pile refusal

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is encountered and that tree removal be replicated with hardwood trees. Mr. Huefner motion to issue Order of Conditions including special conditions. Mr. Saad second, vote all in favor.

Discussion – Webster Ventures – OOC

Mr. Charpentier outlined the letter received from the Applicant which disputes the Commission prior opinion that an Amended OOC is required to allow the vessel to remain at berth over the winter and to install deicing equipment. The Town was informed by MassDEP that they will not require an Amended Superseding OOC for the revisions. Mr. Huefner stated that the dewatering system proposed is different from the conventional bubblers elsewhere on the lake and requested product information. Mr. Saad stated that he has witnessed thin ice conditions at properties adjacent to bubbler deicers. Mr. Fiske suggested “thin ice” signs be provided.

Member of the Public stated concern about noise on the beach from the air compressor, insisted Commission enforcement of special condition #50, and said they’ve seen bubblers disturb the lake bottom. Mr. Charpentier stated that the OOC allows installation of a permanent concrete and stone boat ramp within the footprint where the deicing would occur. Mr. Franas furthered that the Commission allowed temporary steel plates to be used as a ramp and that both items of work are certainly more impactful to the lake bottom than deicing operations. Mr. Huefner again stated the deicing equipment does not blow air. Member of the Public noted concerns with thin ice at their adjacent property. Mr. Franas stated that thin ice is not under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Mr. Charpentier responded that the issue should be taken up with the property owner and stated that “thin ice” signed would be requested. Mr. Charpentier will request additional information, visit the site, and suggest signs.

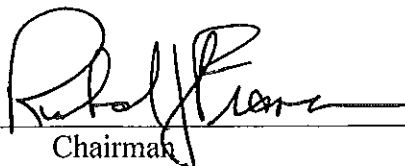
Next Meeting Dates: January 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. – Basement Conference Room

Meeting adjourned 6:59 p.m.

All correspondence, applications, plans and reports can be viewed at the Engineering Office, 350 Main St, Webster MA.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott D. Charpentier, P.E.
Town Engineer

Conservation Commission Approval: _____


Chairman

Date: _____

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